

II. General Remarks Concerning This Response

Claims 1-35 and 46-50 are currently pending in this application; claims 1-29, 31-34, and 46-50 are finally rejected; and claims 30 and 35 remain objected to. Claims 5 1-29, 31-34, and 46-50 have been appealed, and claims 36-45 have been canceled herein.

Claims 36-45 have been cancelled in order to file a continuation patent application to pursue an allowance of those claims while appealing the rejected claims.

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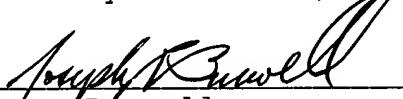
III. Conclusion

For any other outstanding matters or issues, the examiner is urged to call or fax the below-listed telephone numbers to expedite the prosecution and examination of this application.

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